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GROUP 1713"

Docket No. 6272-0049 -0 PCT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Miroslav CHMELIR, et al.

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-SWELLABLE POLYMERIZATES WITH A
VERY LOW RESIDUAL MONOMER CONTENT, PRODUCTS PRODUCING ACCORDING TO THIS
METHOD AND THE USE THEREOF

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Form PTO-1449; Copy of the International Search Report (as filed June 14, 2000);
Copy of the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 (dated Aug 8, 2000)

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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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| <u>14 Jun 00</u> 35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE | <u>14 Jun 00</u> DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS |
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3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 24 May 00 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

☒ a non-English language.

☐ English.

☒ Translation of the international application into English.

☐ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.

☐ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

The Annexes ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.

☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 24 May 00 and _____

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed _____

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

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☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

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